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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINAI 1303

FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, EG, IS, UN

SUBJECT: SINAI II: ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

REFS: A) STATE 143415; B) STATE 143488

1. SFM RECORDS SHOW TWO INSTANCES OF EGYPTIAN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. UNEF INFORMED SFM ON APRIL 4 THAT EGYPTIANS WERE HOLDING MANEUVERS ON EASTERN BANK OF CANAL FROM 2 TO 6 APRIL. MESSAGE GAVE NO INDICATION OF DATE EGYPTIANS INFORMED UNEF OF THIS MANEUVER. ON APRIL 7 SFM WAS INFORMED BY SARELO THAT AREA WOULD HOLD NIGHT MANEUVERS IN EGYPTIAN CONTROLLED AREAS OF SINAI 7, 9 AND AND 10 APRIL. SFM SENT MESSAGE TO MOW, IDF AND UNEF HQ ON THIS SAME DAY. WE RECALL AT LEAST THREE INSTANCES PRIOR TO APRIL WHEN EGYPTIANS NOTIFIED US OF MANEUVERS. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS WAS PRIOR TO OUR MAINTAINING MONTHLY LOG ON THESE EVENTS WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY RECORD OF THEM.

2. APRIL 2-6 MANEUVERS WERE REPORTED TO SECSTATE IN SINAI 863 OF
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4 APRIL WHEN THESE MANEUVERS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY EXPLOSIONS CAUSING ACTIVATIONS IN MITLA WEST SENSOR FIELD. WE WOULD NOT NORMALLY REPORT THESE EVENTS TO WASHINGTON SINCE THEY OCCUR OUTSIDE OUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND WE PASS THEM ON TO OTHER PARTY AND UN ONLY FOR THEIR INFO.

3. FIRST INSTANCE OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WE RECEIVED WAS FROM

ISRAELIS THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF CONDUCTING NIGHT FIRING EXERCISE IN EASTERN SINAI DECEMBER 28, 1976. DISCUSSION OF DESIRABILITY OF EGYPTIANS PROVIDING SAME INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN SFM DIRECTOR'S SEVENTH MONTHLY REPORT TO DIRECTOR OF SSM JANUARY 1977. ABOVE TWO EGYPTIAN MANEUVERS WERE REPORTED IN MONTHLY LOG SUBMITTED WITH DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL TO SSM DIRECTOR.

4. ON OCCASIONS WHEN WE HAVE OBSERVED OR HEARD FIRING, WE HAVE INQUIRED FROM PARTY CONTROLLING THAT AREA ABOUT NATURE OF EXERCISE. INFORMATION OBTAINED HAS BEEN IMMEDIATELY PASSED TO BOTH PARTIES AND UN. FOR EXAMPLE MARCH 24 IDF NIGHT EXERCISE WITH AIRCRAFT AND FLARES WAS REPORTED TO PARTIES AND UN BY SFM. THIS WAS MAJOR EXERCISE FOR WHICH NO PRIOR NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN GIVEN.

5. WE AGREE THAT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BY BOTH PARTIES WOULD BE USEFUL AND ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO HAVE THEM REPORT MANEUVERS IN ADVANCE. NORMAL CHANNEL SHOULD BE TO UN BUT IF WE RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION DIRECTLY WE WILL CONTINUE TO PASS TO OTHER PARTIES AND UN. GEN. SIILASVUO HAS INDICATED HE APPRECIATES THIS INFO AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE IT.

6. WITH REGARD REF B, WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF SUBJECT MESSAGES SENT IN MAY UNDER COVERING LETTER PROPOSING TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION TO SSM ONLY FOR MESSAGES THAT DO NOT INVOLVE ROUTINE CONFIDENTIAL

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SMALL ARS FIRINGS. LATTER COULD BE POUCHED IF DESIRED. THORNE

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